

REMARKS

In the February 11, 2005 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a process for UV patterning a lipid bilayer, classified in class 427 or 264 subclass (553 or 2.11+) or 405+, respectively;

Group II: Claims 19-40 and 42-63, drawn to a process for localized coating of UV patterned lipid bilayers, classified in class 553, subclass 553 or 2.11+;

Group III: Claims 18 and 98-99, drawn to a patterned lipid bilayer, classified in class 428, subclass 156+ or 195+;

Group IV: Claims 41, 64, 77-97, and 100-140, drawn to a lipid bilayer with localized regions of a 2nd lipid bilayer within it or a kit employing this lipid bilayer, used for detecting or classifying environmental "moieties, such as bacteria, virus, fungus, a chemic agent, etc., classified in class 435, subclass 5 (possibly);

Group V: Claims 65-70, drawn to apparatus or kits for making patterned lipid bilayers classified in class 118, subclass 620; and,

Group VI: Claims 71-76, drawn to a kit for patterning lipid bilayer membranes classified in class 206, subclass 223 (569).

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II, claims 19-40 and 42-63.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3507.

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